THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Oil & Natural Gas Commission have struck gas wells at Narsapur/ Razol in the Krishna-Godavari basin. During, the testing period, initially, it is expected to produce gas @ 1.5 lakh cubic meters per day. The price is to be negotiated by ONGC on a provisional basis.

(b) and (c) ONGC are in the process of identifying suitable consumers for the gas being produced during extended production testing of the onshore wells, which is required for assessing the potential of the gas reserves so as to facilitate long term commitments.

Rebate days for sale of Khadi and Handloom clothes

1229. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many rebate days have been permitted by the Centre for sale of Khadi and Handloom clothes from the year 1980-81 to the year 1986-87; and

(b) how much amount has been given as grant during the same period for sale of Khadi and Handloom clothes under the rebate system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Standing rebate on retail sale of Cotton Khadi is permitted throughout the year. In addition to the Standing Rebate throughout the year, special rebate on retail sale has also been permitted on different varieties of Khadi for different periods, as per details given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

Regarding rebate on the retail sale of Handloom cloth, rebate has been permitted for 30 days in a year and in addition during National Handloom Expos approved and organised by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms from 1980-81 to 1982-83. For 1983-84 and 1984-85, the period of rebate was increased from 30 days to 60 days in a year and no rebate was allowed specifically for Handloom Expos. During 1985-86 the number of rebate days were reduced to 45 days and for the duration of National Handloom Expos. For 1986-87 rebate on handloom is permitted for 30 days in a year and during National Handloom Expos.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed Attachment-II.

Statement

Year		Category	No. of days for special rebate in a year
1		2	3
1980-81	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	30
	(iii)	Woollen	75
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	75
1981-82	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	90
	(iii)	Woollen	90
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	90

1	2		3
1982-83	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	30
	(iii)	Woollen	75
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	75
1983-84	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	90
	(iii)	Woollen	75
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	75
1984-85	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	30
	(iii)	Woollen	75
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	75
1985-86	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	90
	(iii)	Woollen	90
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	90
1986-87	(i)	Cotton	90
	(ii)	Silk	90
	(iii)	Woollen	90
	(iv)	Kambals and Kamblies	90

Statement II

(Rs in lakhs)

Year	Grant for Khadi including Vastra Swalamban Subsidy	Grant for Handloom
1980-81	1141	600·00
1981-82	2031	688·69
1982-83	2219	889·65
1983-84	2196	716·45
1984-85	2124	1444·71
1985-86	3265	1454·42
1986-87	2400* (upto 31-10-1986)	374·40

*Provisional